

DPD 6386-59

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Research and Development Branch, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Terrain Obstacle Warning and Avoidance Radar (TOWA)

REFERENCES: A. DPD Memorandum 5799-59, dated 27 August 1959,
Subject: TOWA

B. DPD Memorandum 6304-59, dated 17 September 1959,
Subject as above

1. The history of TOWA in the Air Section goes back to 12 October 1956 when the Air Maritime Division, PP Staff, placed the requirement on the Technical Services Staff (TSS) for this type of equipment. This equipment is still not operational.

2. TSS has had programs with Westinghouse to develop TOWA systems and finally had to cancel because of the lack of progress which could be made with the limited funds available.

3. Based on the experience of past years with TOWA, it is recommended that the Services continue to carry the burden of expense until the equipment becomes operational. It is also recommended that the Research and Development Branch keep Operations posted periodically on the progress being made in the field.

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